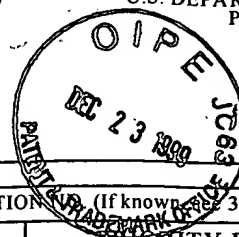


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Docket No. 229752001000TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/AU 98/00519INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
July 6, 1998PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
July 7, 1997

TITLE OF INVENTION: SHAPED PRODUCTS OR STRUCTURES FOR MEDICAL OR RELATED PURPOSES

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: VAGO, Razo

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

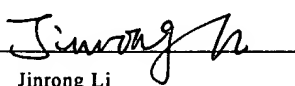
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).

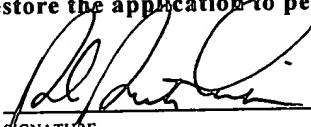
Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information: various PCT documents, including PCT request, PCT/IB/306, PCT/IPEA/409, International Search Report; return receipt postcard.

## CERTIFICATE OF HAND DELIVERY

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being hand-carried to : AssistanCommissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 23, 1999.

  
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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known) <b>09-440029</b> <small>37 C.F.R. § 1.51 Unassigned</small>		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>177/AU98/00519</b>		DOCKET NUMBER: <b>229752001000</b>	
17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO .....\$840.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to (USPTO (37 C.F.R. § 1.482)).....\$670.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. § 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. § 1.445(a)(2)) .....\$760.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.482) nor international search fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO .....\$970.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. § 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$96.00				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).				\$130.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,378.00	
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,378.00	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$0.00	
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Barry E. Bretschneider Morrison & Foerster LLP 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006-1888					
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